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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging steady in the Midwest, about steady in the West, but at least steady in the East. Retail demand was slow to moderate, instances stronger where ads were present and active. Food service covered the full range with best movement for fast food and delicatessens. Supplies of smaller sizes were in the best balance and moving, but larger sizes were at least adequate with some discounting reported. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Dark meat was in balance to short, breast items were sufficient to closely cleared, and wings were mixed but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.50 cents last year on June 22, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	148.00
BREASTS - B/S	138.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.50
WINGS	78.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair, instances moderate for active ads. Food service movement was fair to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good with supplies of all items in good balance to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued moderate to good. Offerings of all sizes were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate, best for feature activity. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were closely cleared; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Leg quarters, drums and tenders were in good balance to tight. Other items were noted as generally adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade market tone was steady. Offerings were sufficient for the light buyer interest. Fill-in trade on small sized wogs into the St. Louis area noted at 52 cents. Retail trade activity was slow to moderate. Food service trade was more irregular, light to fairly good, best into fast food and delicatessens. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was generally on limited as needed basis. Offerings for immediate ship were adequate with out front offerings limited. The market tone was steady on wings and steady to firm on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings of sized product in fairly good position and held with a degree of confidence, on the other hand product over 4 pounds were fully adequate overall with some sellers discounting to help stimulate interest. Retailer demand was moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 17, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 17, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through June 17, 2006 were 4.19 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES**

			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 06/17/06	2006	2005	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,833	214,626	-02
CHICKS PLACED	175.104	178.125	-02

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Jul-06 is estimated at 161.0 million head. This compares to 161.2 million head the previous week and to 167.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.95 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 21, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	988	120.00-177.00	-	131.11	BREAST - B/S	973	122.00-177.00	-	131.65
TENDERLOINS	141	95.00-169.00	101-104	103.96	TENDERLOINS	170	97.00-169.00	103-106	105.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT			
LEGS	131	37.00-54.00	39	39.68	LEGS	129	37.00-54.00	39	39.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	30.00-34.00	30-31	31.97	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	30.00-35.00	30-31	32.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,492	30.00-38.00	32-33	32.06	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,486	30.00-38.00	32-33	32.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	271	58.00-79.00	-	69.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	272	58.00-79.00	-	69.40
WINGS (CUT)	302	81.00-94.00	-	88.75	WINGS (CUT)	296	81.00-94.00	-	88.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		
48.00-51.00		49.65			48.00-52.00		50.00		
							5-DAY AVERAGE		
							49.40		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was noted as moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good, best for retail ad activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and tenderloins; leg quarters and drums were fully steady. Other items were generally steady to at least steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 20, 2006				JUNE 21, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	126.90	646,360	BREAST - B/S	135-140	128.07	510,200
TENDERLOINS	110-115	106.29	148,622	TENDERLOINS	115	105.45	103,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	82.54	72,280	BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	79.35	72,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	74.70	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	74.59	96,480
LEGS	43-44	44.41	127,160	LEGS	43-44	45.04	138,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	33.07	447,040	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.07	224,640
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	43.09	126,130	DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.46	82,020
THIGHS	28-29	37.57	84,880	THIGHS	28-29	38.15	53,600
B/S THIGHS	83-84	82.63	83,820	B/S THIGHS	83-84	82.47	49,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	73.94	155,100	WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	73.94	161,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.55	19,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.04	19,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.56	18,800	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.51	3,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.87	29,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.16	19,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,984	4,113	4,047	4,540	5.46	5.32	3,925	5.45
Arkansas	5,369	5,410	5,317	5,193	5.30	5.05	5,372	5.32
Delmarva	2,236	2,303	2,281	2,559	5.60	5.65	2,205	5.79
KY-LA-TN	2,316	2,348	2,295	2,391	5.22	4.88	2,254	5.04
Mississippi	2,803	2,925	2,887	3,298	5.78	5.60	2,754	5.81
North Car	2,653	2,655	2,638	2,781	6.86	6.95	2,310	6.49
Texas	2,511	2,506	2,520	2,517	5.24	5.17	2,551	5.40
Total	21,872	22,260	21,985	22,913	5.60	5.47	21,371	5.56
Mon-Wed	66,544(A)						64,803(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jun-06 is estimated to be 32,723,000 head up 2.04 percent from a week ago and down -1.36 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,069,000, last year 33,173,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jun-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/24/06 (1)	06/17/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	165,999 (2)	165,055
Light hens	1,054	1,083
Heavy hens	1,633	1,731
Total	168,686	167,869

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jun-06 is 164.5 million head compared to 173.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.3 million head or 1.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Jul-06 the estimated available is 162.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/19/06	99,824	64,822
AM 06/01/06	96,574	65,824
CHG	3,250	-1,002
PCT CHG	3	-2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/19/06	06/12/06	06/20/05	06/19/06	06/12/06	06/20/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	532	543	4,052	7,056	7,253	6,200
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	158	164	67	2,796	2,989	3,506

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 06/20/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	2.00	4.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	8.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.60	1.12	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	6.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	58						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 16, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	56.86	143.15	87.48	15.91	3.98	67.60
High	69.19	155.08	95.43	19.88	7.95	67.60
Mostly	56.86	143.15	87.48	19.88	3.98	67.60

**SAN JUAN**

Low	57.26	147.13	91.46	15.91	3.98	69.19
High	69.19	155.08	99.41	19.88	3.98	69.19
Mostly	57.26	151.10	95.43	15.91	3.98	69.19

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	57.66	143.15	91.46	15.91	3.98	67.60
High	68.79	151.10	99.41	15.91	7.95	67.60
Mostly	57.66	147.13	91.46	15.91	3.98	67.60

**BECERRA**

Low	57.26	147.13	95.43	19.88	3.98	71.58
High	69.99	159.06	103.39	23.86	7.95	71.58
Mostly	57.26	155.08	99.41	19.88	7.95	71.58

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds for midweek business ranged moderate to good for regular trading, but somewhat slower for any extra activity. Offerings were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily, especially on lighter sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were irregular on wings and thigh meat, balance of items were closely cleared with b/s breast noted as being somewhat short of full needs on smaller weights.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	58-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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